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News & Updates

SYBAC Applications Now Accepted

The application window to apply to ICN's Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council (SYBAC) for the 2019-2020 school year is now open! Applications will be accepted until May 10.

The Application Process

If you're interested in applying to SYBAC for the 2019-20 school year, visit our [application page](#).

Visit icn.iowa.gov/sybac for additional information.



Important Changes for ETC and RTC

SF 367 - This Senate File strikes Iowa Code section 8D.5, which established the Education Telecommunications Council (ETC) and Regional Telecommunications Councils (RTCs) under the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission (ITTC). Funding was appropriated for a number of years in support of the Councils. Over the years the funding had been reduced and was eliminated in FY 2018. After several meetings involving the ICN, Department of Education and members of the ETC/RTCs, agreement was reached that the councils should be eliminated.

The bill passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on March 21.

What is Peering?

Peering is the relationship between two Internet networks that connect and exchange traffic. It allows them to directly hand off traffic between each other's customers, without having to pay a third party to carry that traffic across the Internet for them.

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